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1. FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR BACKGROUND GUIDANCE IN
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL.

2. DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT UN DOES NOT
PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE FORUM FOR RESOLUTION OF ENERGY PROBLEMS.
EXPERIENCE OF SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION CONFIRMS THAT SUCH
PROBLEMS CANNOT USEFULLY BE ADDRESSED AT THIS TIME IN LARGE
MULTILATERAL FORUM WHERE POLITICAL POLEMICS ARE VIRTUALLY
UNAVOIDABLE. WE BELIEVE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE CAN
BEST BE IMPROVED ON BILATERAL BASIS AND IN RESTRICTED
MULTILATERAL GATHERINGS.

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3. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT FIRST PRIORITY MUST BE GIVEN AT THIS TIME TO STRENGTHENING FRAMEWORK OF CONSUMER COUNTRY COORDINATION. WE ARE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING ANY SERIOUS PROPOSALS FOR SMALL, TIGHTLY-FOCUSED CONSUMER MEETINGS.

4. WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE BILATERAL CHANNELS TO PRESS ON PRODUCERS OUR VIEWS ON PRICE QUESTION. UNTIL CONSUMERS CAN DEAL FROM POSITION OF UNITY AND COHESION, WE SEE LITTLE TO BE GAINED, AND PERHAPS SOMETHING TO BE LOST, IN TRYING

TO DISCUSS PRICES IN LARGE MULTILATERAL FORUM.

5. WE SEE NO BENEFIT IN ANY SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS OF OIL INDEXATION AT THIS TIME. SUCH DISCUSSION WOULD ONLY SERVE TO SANCTIFY CURRENT OIL PRICES AT LEVELS WE BELIEVE ARE UNSUSTAINABLE AND ESTABLISH MECHANISM FOR FURTHER INCREASES IN THE FUTURE, ADDING FURTHER FUEL TO SERIOUS GLOBAL INFLATION. (SEE POSITION PAPER FOR GA ON UNCTAD STUDY ON INDEXATION FOR GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT.) KISSINGER

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